

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 264

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gayle LaRue Bowling of the Somerville Community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Gayle LaRue Bowling; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Bowling was born in Jackson on June 28, 1939, to Marvin A. LaRue and Evelyn James LaRue; and

WHEREAS, she was a 1956 graduate of Jackson High School and she continued her education at Lambuth College in Jackson; she was chosen as "Miss Jackson" in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling served in earlier years with acumen and alacrity as Executive Director for the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and she was well-known for her catering expertise, providing refreshments and food for many events throughout Fayette County and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Gayle Bowling served as a member of the Somerville Business and Professional Women's Club, and she was previously selected as Woman of the Year for the Somerville Chapter; she was one of the first female members of the Somerville Rotary Club; and she was involved in the activities of Fayette Academy, serving as President of the Parent Teachers Association of the school; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, she was also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowling was joined in holy matrimony on May 10, 1962, with Jim Bowling, a Fayette County cattleman, former Fayette County Sheriff, and retired owner of Somerville Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Bowling was preceded in death by her parents; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband of fifty years, Jim Bowling; four children, Vicki (Larry) Mills, Patricia (Joe) Yager, Jimmie (Sandy) Bowling, and Will (Tammy) Bowling; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Bowling leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gayle LaRue Bowling, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Bowling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.